GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:18
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INCLUSION OF BODO- KACHARI COMMUNITIES IN ST LIST
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to include Bodo-Kachari Tribes living in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills Autonomous districts of Assam in the Scheduled Tribes list; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) & (b). The Scheduled Tribes are notified by the Presidential Order under article 342 (I) of the Constitution. The Government on 15.06.1999 had laid down the modalities for determining the claims for inclusion in/exclusion from and other modifications in Orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes list. As per the modalities only those proposals, which have been justified and recommended by the concerned State Government and the Registrar General of India as well as the National Commission for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are to be considered and legislation amended.

The granting of Scheduled Tribe status to "Bodo Kachari" community of Karbi Anglong & NC Hills Districts of Assam is indicated at Item No. 8 in the Memorandum of Settlement (MOS) signed among the Central Government; Government of Assam; & Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on 10.02.2003. The Ministry of Home Affairs also held a meeting on 05/09/2003 to review the implementation of Memorandum of Settlement.

Thereafter, no formal proposal/communication for inclusion of "Bodo/Bodo Kachari" in the list of Scheduled Tribes in the autonomous Districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills in Assam has been received in this Ministry.